--- “Series of 1883” - 100 Cigars - BLACK - with “Pointed Ends” - 455 x 22 mm ---

Note: Lee Brandom *does not* list a 100 cigar “rounded end” strip in the “Series of 1883”

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records 1,865,600 *lithographed* copies of “100 Black Cigars” as delivered.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records 1,922,003 *lithographed* copies of “100 Black Cigars” as delivered.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records 200,881 *lithographed* copies of “100 Black Cigars” and 459,349 copies *recess printed* by hand press as delivered.
5th BABN Supplement (1897-1898)	John McKay records 121,500 *lithographed* copies of “100 Black Cigars” as delivered.

These had been previously printed and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

3rd BABN Contract	1,865,600 lithographed	**000001** to 1-**865600**	**RG-249-251(L)**
4th BABN Contract	1,922,003 lithographed	1-**865601** to 3-**787603**	**RG-249-251(L)**
5th BABN Contract	200,881 lithographed	3-**787604** to 3-**988484**	**RG-255(L)**
5th BABN Contract	459,349 recess (hand press)	3-**988485** to 4-**447843**	**RG-259**
5th Supplement	121,500 lithographed	4-**447844** to 4-**569333**	**RG-255(L)**
	4,569,333		

Possibly the lithographed strips were all control numbered prior to the introduction of the recess printed strips. This would alter the above sequence. In any case, since the prefix was not printed on the strip, it is impossible to tell.

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1883” black 100 cigar strips as follows:

--- three beavers with foliage ---

RG-249(L) - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm control numbers
RG-251(L) - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove - 5 mm control numbers

--- three beavers *without* foliage ---

RG-255(L) - 100 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 5 mm control numbers
RG-259 - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove - 5 mm control numbers

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★**RG-249-250(L)n** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, *lithographed* on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, three beavers *with foliage* - probably from the 3rd BABN Contract of 1878

★**RG-259 PuP** - 100 cigars, black, a three-piece paste-up die proof, *recess printed* on white bond paper, *three beavers without foliage* - from the **5th BABN Contract - *three copies*** ★★★(all made from the transfer rolls)

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 455 x 22 mm - three beavers *with* foliage ---

--- RG-249(L) - perf 12 - <u>dated copies</u> - with 4 mm blue controls---

★**RG-249(L)** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, with 4 mm control number **100432** - coded **6-17 / 7 - '83**

100432★	10/83	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **6 - 17 / 7 '83**
1-**274011**	07/85	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **2 - 17 / 1 '85**
1-**788897**	11/86	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **2 - 17 / 9 '86**
2-**727474**	09/87	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, cancelled **EXCISE - DUTY PAID / 6 '87**
2-**730175**	10/87	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, cancelled EXCISE **- DUTY PAID / 8 '87**
2-**730244**	10/87	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, cancelled **EXCISE - DUTY PAID / 8 '87**
3-**053888**	01/90	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, cancelled **CIGARS / 5 - 17**, dated 1 / 90
3-**053889**	01/90	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, cancelled **CIGARS / 5 - 17**, dated 1 / 90

--- RG-249(L) - perf 12 - <u>undated copies</u> - with 4 mm blue controls---

Unfortunately most of the following have been taken from eBay and were recorded before I was interested in the paper type (without the realization of how many one million control cycles were involved). I have not inspected many of them and about the only value of the listing is to illustrate how many strips are still in existence. They have been placed in control number order to assist in making additions.

011322	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 3 - 17**
012077	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
012276	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
034229	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 3 - 17**
044521	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
059640	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
188754	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
196800	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
197944	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
206396	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
209757	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
219251	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
229713	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
232892	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
233353	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
238260	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
259852	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**
274506	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 – 17**
274541	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
282908	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
283230	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
328988★	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, on a wooden box of "**Reina Victoria - Jersey Lilies Colorado Maduro**" cigars coded **1-17** - by "J. M. Fortier", Montreal
468142	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
563853	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
611699	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
855027	RG-249(L)	100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, coded **CIGARS / 6 - 17**

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 455 x 22 mm - three beavers *with* foliage ---

--- RG-251(L) - perf 12 - <u>undated copies</u> - with 5 mm blue controls ---

★**RG-251** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control 3-**055477**, delivered under the 4th BABN Contract

★**RG-251 CP** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control 3-**093757**, manuscript *Cancelled* in red ink - delivered under the 4th BABN Contract

055477★		RG-251	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls
093757 ★		RG-251 CP	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls - manuscript *Cancelled*
100432	10/83	RG-251 CP	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls - coded **6 - 17 / 7 '83** - the year is indistinct

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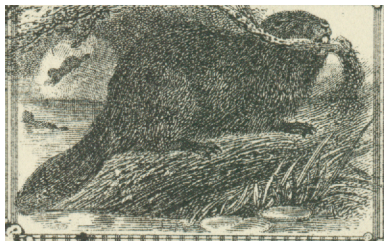
--- the two different three beaver panels - scanned at 150% scale ---



with foliage over the large beaver - original die re-worked for the **3rd and 4th BABN Contracts**

without foliage over the large beaver - the re-worked die for the **5th BABN Contract**

There appears to have been no ***single beaver*** *without foliage* strip on the 100 cigar strip, and thus the one hundred cigar plates using the final re-working of the 'beaver' die (probably used for rotary printing) were not prepared.

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 455 x 22 mm - three beavers *without* foliage ---

--- RG-255(L) - perf 12 - <u>undated copies</u> - with 5 mm blue controls---

★**RG-255(L)** - 100 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on vertical mesh poor grade wove, with 5 mm. Ottawa control 3-**485224** - delivered under the 5th BABN Contract

3-**312402**	RG-255(L)	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls
3-**485224**★	RG-255(L)	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls
3-**490152**	RG-255(L)	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls
3-**568753**	RG-255(L)	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls
3-**611679**	RG-255(L)	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls

BABN separated their sheets in the manner requested by the ordering manufacturer. Thus the control number run will alternate from *perforated* to *coarse roulette* during the control number sequence. I keep the different methods separated on the pages purely as a matter of recording convenience.

--- recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - 455 x 22 mm - three beavers *without* foliage ---

--- RG-259 - perforated 12 - <u>undated copies</u> - with 5 mm blue controls---

★**RG-259 CP** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. control 4-**312255**, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - from the 5th BABN Contract

★**RG-259** - 100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. control 4-**312285**

4-**312225**	RG-259 CP	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, without the two plate scratches - stamped **CANCELLED** - suspect
4-**312234**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, without the two plate scratches
4-**312255**★	RG-259 CP	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with two horizontal plate scratches - stamped **CANCELLED** - suspect
4-**312277**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with two horizontal plate scratches
4-**312285**★	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with two horizontal plate scratches
4-**312620**	RG-259 CP	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect
4-**328988**★	RG-259 **	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on a 9¼" x 4¾" x 3⅞" wooden box of **Jersey Lily**, **Colorado Maduro** cigars by "W. C. Macdonald"
4-**375349**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
4-**377980**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**

4-**378433**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
4-**388821**★	RG-259 **	100 cigars, black, perf 12, on a 9½" x 4½" x 3½" wooden box of **Ocean Coil**, **Colorado Maduro** cigars by "J. Smith" - **12-32**, London, Ontario (1883-1910) - a pristine box bought for $285
4-**393054**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
4-**396734**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
4-**396779**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**
4-**401977**	RG-259	100 cigars, black, perf 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **CIGARS / 20 - 17**

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